

## CHANGES TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) QUESTIONNAIRES (HOUSING QUESTIONS)

QUESTIONNAIRE	QUESTION WORDING	EXPLANATION OF CHANGES, AND COMPARISONS TO CENSUS 1990 AND CENSUS 2000 FORMS.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H1. Which best describes this building?</b> <i>Include all apartments, flats, etc., even if vacant.</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> A mobile home or trailer  <input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house detached from any other house  <input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house attached to one or more houses  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 2 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 3 or 4 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 5 to 9 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 10 to 19 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 20 to 49 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 50 or more apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Boat, RV, van, etc.         </p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>1. Which best describes this building?</b> <i>Include all apartments, flats, etc., even if vacant.</i></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> A mobile home  <input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house detached from any other house  <input type="checkbox"/> A one-family house attached to one or more houses  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 2 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 3 or 4 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 5 to 9 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 10 to 19 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 20 to 49 apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> A building with 50 or more apartments  <input type="checkbox"/> Boat, RV, van, etc.         </p>	<p>In the first answer category, the words “or trailer” were deleted to match the proposed 2000 census item.</p> <p>Two response categories differ from the 1990 census item. The first response category was “A mobile home or trailer.” The last response category was “Other.”</p> <p>The words “or trailer” were deleted at the recommendation of the Manufactured Housing Institute.</p> <p>The last category was modified because evaluation of the 1990 census data indicated that respondents indicated “Other” when they were uncertain about the structure classification of their unit. This design resulted in the proportion of units classified as “Other” to be far larger than the number of units that were classified as “Boat, tent, van, etc.” in 1980.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H2. About when was this building first built?</b> <i>If you do not know the exact year, give your best estimate.</i>  _____ (Year)	
1999 ACS	<b>2. About when was this building first built?</b>  _____ 1999 or later _____ 1995 to 1998 _____ 1990 to 1994 _____ 1980 to 1989 _____ 1970 to 1979 _____ 1960 to 1969 _____ 1950 to 1959 _____ 1940 to 1949 _____ 1939 or earlier	<p>The response area was changed from a write-in space to response categories.</p> <p>The italicized instructions were dropped.</p> <p>Except for the first response category, where the ACS uses “1999 or later” and the proposed 2000 census category is “1999 to 2000,” the ACS item matches the proposed 2000 census item. Research showed higher item response rates when categories were used rather than write-ins.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H3. When did PERSON 1 (listed in the List of Residents on page 2) move into this house or apartment?</b>  _____ (Month) _____ (Year)	
1999 ACS	<b>3. When did PERSON 1 (listed in the List of Residents on page 2) move into this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b>  _____ (Month) _____ (Year)	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type. The question matches the proposed 2000 census question.</p> <p>The ACS response area includes “Month” to observe recent movers.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H4a. Do all persons staying in this house or apartment usually spend more than two consecutive months of the year at another residence?</b></p> <p>___ No ___ Yes</p> <p><b>b. Where is that residence located?</b></p> <p>_____</p> <p><b>c. How long does this household usually spend at that residence?</b></p> <p>___ Months each year</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>28a. Do all of the persons listed on pages 2 and 3 live at this address year round?</b></p> <p>___ Yes - <i>SKIP to the questions for Person 1 on the next page</i> ___ No -</p> <p><b>b. Of the persons listed on pages 2 and 3, how many live somewhere else part of the year?</b></p> <p>___ All persons listed ___ Some persons - <b>How many?</b>     ___ Persons - <i>SKIP to the questions for Person 1 on the next page.</i></p> <p><b>c. Do you consider this house, apartment, or mobile home, that uses the address on the front cover, your -</b></p> <p>___ Primary residence? ___ Vacation home? ___ School residence? ___ Work residence? ___ Other - <i>Specify</i> _____</p>	<p>This set of questions about household members' other residence was changed. The revised set of questions asks respondents to classify the sample residence when all of the household members live somewhere else part of the year.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H5. Is this house or mobile home on --</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 acre -- <i>SKIP to question H7</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to less than 10 acres <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more acres	
1999 ACS	<b>4. How many acres is this house or mobile home on?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 acre -- <i>SKIP to question 6</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 9.9 acres <input type="checkbox"/> 10 or more acres	The question wording was changed, and the second response category was modified to match the proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H6. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, were the sales of all agricultural products from this property \$1,000 or more?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1999 ACS	<b>5. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what were the actual sales of all agricultural products from this property?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 to \$999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 to \$2,499 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 to \$4,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 to \$9,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more	<p>The question wording and response categories were changed to match the 1990 census item and the proposed 2000 census item. This design is used primarily to identify farm residences, and allows us to adapt to changes in the farm definition.</p> <p>The ACS monthly data collection necessitates that the reference period be “In the past 12 months” rather than “In 1999” for the 2000 census.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H7. Is there a business such as a store or barber shop or a medical office on this property?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1999 ACS	<b>6. Is there a business (such as a store or barber shop) or a medical office on this property?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	With the addition of parentheses, the 1999 ACS item matches the 1990 census item and the proposed 2000 census item.

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H8. How many rooms are in this house or apartment?</b> <i>Do NOT count bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, half-rooms, or utility rooms.</i></p> <p>___ Room(s)</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>7. How many rooms are in this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b> <i>Do NOT count bathrooms, porches, balconies, foyers, halls, or half-rooms.</i></p> <p>___ 1 room          ___ 2 rooms          ___ 3 rooms          ___ 4 rooms          ___ 5 rooms          ___ 6 rooms          ___ 7 rooms          ___ 8 rooms          ___ 9 or more rooms</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The response area was changed from a write-in space to response categories to match the 2000 census item. Research showed that there was no significant difference in the item response rates when categories were compared with write-in entries for number of bedrooms.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “are in” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the 2000 census item.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H9. How many bedrooms are in this house or apartment?</b> <i>Count the number of bedrooms that you would list if this house or apartment were for sale or for rent.</i></p> <p>___ Bedroom(s)  <b>OR</b>          ___ None</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>8. How many bedrooms are in this house, apartment, or mobile home; that is, how many bedrooms would you list if this house, apartment, or mobile home were on the market for sale or rent?</b></p> <p>___ No bedroom          ___ 1 bedroom          ___ 2 bedrooms          ___ 3 bedrooms          ___ 4 bedrooms          ___ 5 or more bedrooms</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The italicized instructions were incorporated into the question.</p> <p>The response area was changed from a write-in space to response categories.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “are in” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the 2000 census item.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H10. Does this house or apartment have complete plumbing facilities; that is 1) hot and cold piped water, 2) a flush toilet, and 3) a bathtub or shower?</b></p> <p>___ Yes, has all three facilities ___ No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>9. Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have COMPLETE plumbing facilities; that is, 1) hot and cold piped water, 2) a flush toilet, and 3) a bathtub or shower?</b></p> <p>___ Yes, has all three facilities ___ No</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The word “COMPLETE” was capitalized for emphasis.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “Does this ... have” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the 2000 census item.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H11. Does this house or apartment have complete kitchen facilities; that is 1) a sink with piped water, 2) a stove or range, and 3) a refrigerator?</b></p> <p>___ Yes, has all three facilities ___ No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>10. Does this house, apartment, or mobile home have COMPLETE kitchen facilities; that is, 1) a sink with piped water, 2) a stove or range, and 3) a refrigerator?</b></p> <p>___ Yes, has all three facilities ___ No</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The word “COMPLETE” was capitalized for emphasis.</p> <p>The term “stove” replaced the term “Cookstove” used in the 1990 census item.</p> <p>The ACS question uses the phrase “Does this ... have” rather than the phrase “do you have” in the 2000 census item.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H12. Does this house or apartment building get water from -</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A public system such as a city water department or private company? <input type="checkbox"/> An individual drilled well? <input type="checkbox"/> An individual dug well? <input type="checkbox"/> Some other source, such as a spring, creek, river , cistern, etc.	This item was deleted from the 1999 ACS because it is not a proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H13. Is this house or apartment building connected to a public sewer?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, connected to a public sewer <input type="checkbox"/> No, connected to septic tank or cesspool <input type="checkbox"/> No, uses other means	This item was deleted from the 1999 ACS because it is not a proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H14. Does this house or apartment have air conditioning?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a central air conditioning system <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, one or more individual room units <input type="checkbox"/> No	This item was deleted from the 1999 ACS because it is not a proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H15. Does this house or apartment have a central heating system; that is, one system that heats all or most of the rooms?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	This item was deleted from the 1999 ACS because it is not a proposed 2000 census item.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H16. Is there a telephone in this house or apartment?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
1999 ACS	<b>11. Is there telephone service available in this house, apartment, or mobile home from which you can both make and receive calls?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The 1999 ACS item matches the proposed 2000 census item. On previous ACS questionnaires, the question adopted the focus of the 1990 Census question that asked a respondent to report if a telephone was in the unit. The Federal Communications Commission recommended the change to telephone service availability because it is a better measure of households that have service available to initiate and receive calls.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H17. How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?</b></p> <p>_____ Vehicle(s)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>___ None</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>12. How many automobiles, vans, and trucks of one-ton capacity or less are kept at home for use by members of this household?</b></p> <p>___ None</p> <p>___ 1</p> <p>___ 2</p> <p>___ 3</p> <p>___ 4</p> <p>___ 5</p> <p>___ 6 or more</p>	<p>With the change in the response area from a write-in space to response categories, the 1999 ACS item matches the 1990 census item and the proposed 2000 census item. The 1990 census item had a response category of “7 or more”. The Department of Transportation and the Census Bureau agreed that the response category of “6 or more” is sufficient.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H18. Which FUEL is used MOST for heating this house or apartment?</b></p> <p>___ Gas: from underground pipes serving the neighborhood</p> <p>___ Gas: bottled, tank, or LP</p> <p>___ Electricity</p> <p>___ Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.</p> <p>___ Coal or coke</p> <p>___ Wood</p> <p>___ Solar energy</p> <p>___ Other fuel</p> <p>___ No fuel used</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>13. Which FUEL is used MOST for heating this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>___ Gas: from underground pipes serving the neighborhood</p> <p>___ Gas: bottled, tank, or LP</p> <p>___ Electricity</p> <p>___ Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.</p> <p>___ Coal or coke</p> <p>___ Wood</p> <p>___ Solar energy</p> <p>___ Other fuel</p> <p>___ No fuel used</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The 1999 ACS item matches the 2000 census item.</p>



1996 - 1998 ACS

**H19a. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of electricity for this house or apartment?**

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Last month)

**OR**

☐ Included in rent or in condominium fee

☐ No charge or electricity not used

**b. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of gas for this house or apartment?**

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Last month)

**OR**

☐ Included in rent or in condominium fee

☐ No charge or gas not used

**c. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of water and sewer for this house or apartment?** *If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.*

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Past 12 months)

**OR**

☐ Included in rent or in condominium fee

☐ No charge

**d. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of fuel oil, wood, kerosene, coal, etc. for this house or apartment?** *If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.*

\$\_\_\_\_.00 (Past 12 months)

**OR**

☐ Included in rent or in condominium fee

☐ No charge or these fuels not used

1999 ACS	<p><b>14a. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of electricity for this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>Las month's cost - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent or in condominium fee  <input type="checkbox"/> No charge or electricity not used</p> <p><b>b. LAST MONTH, what was the cost of gas for this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>Last month's costs - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent or in condominium fee  <input type="checkbox"/> Included in electricity payment entered above  <input type="checkbox"/> No charge or gas not used</p> <p><b>c. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of water and sewer for this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b> <i>If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.</i></p> <p>Past 12 months' cost - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent or in condominium fee  <input type="checkbox"/> No charge</p> <p><b>d. IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, what was the cost of oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc., for this house, apartment or mobile home?</b> <i>If you have lived here less than 12 months, estimate the cost.</i></p> <p>Past 12 months' cost - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent or in condominium fee  <input type="checkbox"/> No charge or these fuels not used</p>	<p>The words "or mobile home" were added to each question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The ACS approach differs from the census item to the extent that monthly costs of electricity and gas are collected in the ACS while the decennial asks about annual costs. In both the ACS and census, we ultimately produce average monthly costs. There is evidence to suggest that we can do this better in the census by asking for annual costs. We do not want last month's costs in April 2000 (March) since it may not be representative of the entire year. Since ACS data are gathered all year long, the best estimate of average monthly costs will result from an average of these monthly estimates. The distinctive approaches followed in the ACS and the decennial are appropriate for their respective data collection environments.</p> <p>The 1999 ACS item also added the response category "Included in electricity payment" to the second item to facilitate those respondents who receive one bill for both electrical and gas costs.</p> <p>The 1990 census item for the cost of water did not include sewage fees.</p>
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1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H20. At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, were you or any member of this household enrolled in or receiving benefits from:</b></p> <p><b>a. Free or reduced-price meals at school through the Federal School Lunch Program or the Federal School Breakfast Program?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p> <p><b>b. the Federal home heating and cooling assistance program?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>15. At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, were you or any member of this household enrolled in or receiving benefits from:</b></p> <p><b>a. free or reduced-price meals at school through the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p> <p><b>b. the Federal home heating and cooling assistance program?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p>	In part <b>a</b> of the item, the name of the programs were corrected.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H21. At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did anyone in this household receive Food Stamps?</b></p> <p>___ Yes - What was the value of the food stamps? \$____.00 (12 month amount)</p> <p>___ No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>16. At any time DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, did anyone in this household receive Food Stamps?</b></p> <p>___ Yes - What was the value of the Food Stamps? Past 12 months' value - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 (12 month amount)</p> <p>___ No</p>	The words "Food Stamps" were capitalized in the question following the Yes response category.

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H22. Is this house or apartment part of a condominium?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes --- <b>What is the monthly condominium fee?</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">\$_____.00 (Monthly)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>17. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home part of a condominium?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes --- <b>What is the monthly condominium fee?</b> <i>For renters, answer only if you pay the condominium fee in addition to your rent; otherwise, mark the "None" box.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Monthly amount - <i>Dollars</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">\$_____.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The words "or mobile home" were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>An instruction, which had been tested, was added to clarify the follow-up question for renters.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H23. Is this house or apartment --</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rented for cash rent?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Occupied without payment of cash rent? -- <i>Skip to question H27</i></p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>18. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home --</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rented for cash rent?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Occupied without payment of cash rent? -- <i>Skip to question 21</i></p>	<p>The words "or mobile home" were added to each question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The 1999 ACS item matches the proposed 2000 census item.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H24. What is the monthly rent for this house or apartment?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Monthly)</p> <p><b>H25. Does the monthly rent include any meals?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>19a. What is the monthly rent for this house, apartment, or mobile home?</b></p> <p>Monthly amount -- Dollars</p> <p>\$____.00</p> <p><b>b. Does the monthly rent include any meals?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>Although there is a difference in the lead in to the question, the 1999 ACS question essentially matches the 1990 census item and the proposed 2000 census item.</p>
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H26. Is the rent on this house or apartment reduced because the Federal, state, or local government is paying part of the cost?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>20a. Is the rent on this house, apartment, or mobile home reduced because the Federal, state, or local government is paying part of the cost?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No - <i>Skip to question 21</i></p> <p><b>b. What government program provides this reduced rent?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Section “8” program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Some other government program</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not sure</p>	<p>The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.</p> <p>The follow-up question was added in response to welfare reform programs.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H27. Is this house or apartment in a public housing project; that is, is it part of a government housing project for persons with low income?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>21. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home in a public housing project; that is, is it part of a government housing project for persons with low income?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p>	The words “or mobile home” were added to the question to be more inclusive of the structure type.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H28. What is the value of this property; that is, how much would this house or mobile home and lot, or condominium unit sell for if it were for sale?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Value)</p>	Responses were changed to listed categories instead of a write-in box. Also, the 1998 question included “condominium unit” rather than “apartment.” The 1999 version is better because it is all inclusive. (A “condominium unit” could be a house or mobile home)
1999 ACS	<p><b>22. What is the value of this property; that is, how much do you think this house and lot, apartment, or mobile home and lot, would sell for if it were for sale?</b></p> <p>___ Less than \$10,000 ___ \$10,000 to \$14,999 ___ \$15,000 to \$19,999 ___ \$20,000 to \$24,999 ___ \$25,000 to \$29,999 ___ \$30,000 to \$34,999 ___ \$35,000 to \$39,999 ___ \$40,000 to \$49,999 ___ \$50,000 to \$59,999 ___ \$60,000 to \$69,999 ___ \$70,000 to \$79,999 ___ \$80,000 to \$89,999 ___ \$90,000 to \$99,999 ___ \$100,000 tp \$124,999 ___ \$125,000 to \$149,999 ___ \$150,000 to \$199,999 ___ \$200,000 to \$249,999 ___ \$250,000 or more -- Specify - _____</p>	<p>The question wording was modified slightly.</p> <p>The 1999 ACS question matches the proposed 2000 census question. The ACS response area was changed from a write-in space to categories because research showed a consistently higher non-response rate for write-in values.</p> <p>The ACS item has 19 response categories, and a write-in space for homes valued at 250,000 or more. The proposed 2000 census item has 24 response categories, with the last category being “\$1,000,000 or more.” There are no write-ins for high valued homes.</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H29. What are the annual real estate taxes on this property?</b>  \$____.00 (Annual) <b>OR</b> ___ None	
1999 ACS	<b>23. What are the annual real estate taxes on THIS property?</b>  Annual amount - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 <b>OR</b> ___ None	The word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis.  The proposed 2000 census item also uses this format; however, the reference period is “last year.” Since the ACS is conducted every month, a reference to something other than “last year” is more appropriate for the ACS.
1996 - 1998 ACS	<b>H30. What is the annual payment for fire, hazard, and flood insurance on this property?</b>  \$____.00 (Annual) <b>OR</b> ___ None	
1999 ACS	<b>24. What is the annual payment for fire, hazard, and flood insurance on THIS property?</b>  Annual amount - <i>Dollars</i> \$____.00 <b>OR</b> ___ None	The word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis.  The proposed 2000 census item also uses this format; however, the reference period is “last year.” Since the ACS is conducted every month, a reference to something other than “last year” is more appropriate for the ACS.

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H31. Do you or any member of this household have a mortgage, deed of trust, contract to purchase, or similar debt on this property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, mortgage, deed of trust, or similar debt  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, contract to purchase  <input type="checkbox"/> No -- SKIP to question H35         </p> <p><b>H32. How much is the regular monthly mortgage payment on this property? Include payments only on FIRST mortgage or contract to purchase.</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Monthly)</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No regular payment required -- <i>SKIP to question H35</i></p> <p><b>H33. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for real estate taxes on this property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, taxes included in payment  <input type="checkbox"/> No, taxes paid separately or taxes not required         </p> <p><b>H34. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for fire, hazard, or flood insurance on this property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, insurance included in payment  <input type="checkbox"/> No, insurance paid separately or no insurance         </p>	
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1999 ACS	<p><b>25a. Do you or any member of this household have a mortgage, deed of trust, contract to purchase, or similar debt on THIS property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, mortgage, deed of trust, or similar debt  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, contract to purchase  <input type="checkbox"/> No -- SKIP to question 26a         </p> <p><b>b. How much is the regular monthly mortgage payment on THIS property? Include payments only on FIRST mortgage or contract to purchase.</b></p> <p>Monthly amount - Dollars  \$____.00  <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No regular payment required -- SKIP to question 26a         </p> <p><b>c. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for real estate taxes on THIS property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, taxes included in mortgage payment  <input type="checkbox"/> No, taxes paid separately or taxes not required         </p> <p><b>d. Does the regular monthly mortgage payment include payments for fire, hazard, or flood insurance on THIS property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, insurance included in mortgage payment  <input type="checkbox"/> No, insurance paid separately or no insurance         </p>	<p>The word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis in all four questions.</p> <p>The word “mortgage” was added for clarification in the response categories in parts <b>c</b> and <b>d</b> of the item.</p> <p>In part <b>a</b> of this item the ACS has the phrase “or any member of this household” which is not part of the proposed 2000 census item.</p> <p>In parts <b>b</b>, <b>c</b>, and <b>d</b> of this item, the ACS uses the word “the” while the proposed 2000 census item uses the word “your.”</p>
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1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H35. Do you or any member of this household have a second mortgage or a home equity loan on this property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, home equity loan  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, second mortgage  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan  <input type="checkbox"/> No -- SKIP to H37         </p> <p><b>H36. How much is the regular monthly payment on ALL second and third mortgages and home equity loans?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Monthly)  <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No regular payment required         </p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>26a. Do you or any member of this household have a second mortgage or a home equity loan on THIS property?</b></p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, home equity loan  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, second mortgage  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan  <input type="checkbox"/> No - SKIP         </p> <p><b>b. How much is the regular monthly payment on all second or junior mortgages and all home equity loans on THIS property?</b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Monthly)  <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> No regular payment required         </p>	<p>In part <b>a</b> of this item, the word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis. Also, this question matches the proposed 2000 census question, except that the ACS question has the additional phrase “...or any member of this household...”.</p> <p>In part <b>b</b> of this item, the question wording was changed from “second and third mortgages” to “second or junior mortgages,” and the phrase “on THIS property” was added. This question matches the proposed 2000 census question, except that the ACS question uses the word “the” rather than “your.”</p> <p>In the response area, the proposed 2000 census item does not have the third ACS response category (“Yes, second mortgage and home equity loan.”), but does have an instruction to “Mark (X) all boxes that apply.”</p>

1996 - 1998 ACS	<p><b>H37. What are the total annual costs for personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees on this mobile home and its site? <i>Do not include real estate taxes.</i></b></p> <p>\$____.00 (Annual)</p>	
1999 ACS	<p><b>27a. Do you or any member of this household have an installment loan or contract on THIS mobile home?</b></p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p> <p><b>b. What are the total annual costs for installment loan payments, personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees on THIS mobile home and its site? <i>Exclude real estate taxes.</i></b></p> <p>Annual costs -- Dollars \$____.00</p>	<p>Part <b>a</b> of this item was added to clarify the mobile home households that have an installment loan or contract.</p> <p>Part <b>b</b> of this item specifies that installment loan payments should be included in the annual costs. The revised question more clearly identifies the mobile home fees that account for the majority of the shelter costs of households residing in these types of units.</p> <p>In part <b>b</b> of this item, the word “THIS” was capitalized for emphasis. The term “Installment loan payments” was added to this question.</p> <p>The proposed 2000 census item uses the reference period “last year.” Since the ACS is conducted every month, a reference to something other than “last year” is more appropriate for the ACS.</p>